

### **REMARKS**

Examiner states that the application has been filed in with informal drawings, which are suitable for examination. Applicant plans to submit formal drawings upon issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Claims 1-23 were pending in the application. In the Office Action, all claims were rejected as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,259,382 to Rosenberg (hereinafter "Rosenberg"). Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejections. Reconsideration of the present is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Applicant has amended claims 1-13 and 15-17. Applicant has cancelled claims 18-23. Applicant has added claims 24-39. Claims 1-13, 15-27, and 24-39 are now pending in the application.

Applicant emphasizes that the claims have been amended to clarify them and remove unnecessary limitations. The new claims and amendments are not introduced to overcome prior art. Support for these new claims and amendments may be found in the specification and the original claims. No new matter has been added by these new claims and amendments. Applicant respectfully traverses Examiner's rejection of the claims.

#### **Claims 1-23**

Claims 1-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over Rosenberg. "To anticipate a claim, the reference must teach every element of the claim." MPEP § 2131.

In claim 1, Applicant claims "a magnet head positioned so as to provide a gap between said core member and said magnet; and an elastic material disposed in said gap." In contrast, in the section of Rosenberg cited in the Office Action, Rosenberg discloses a coil head coupled to a

shaft. The shaft is further coupled to a flexible member, which is further coupled to an object member, e.g., the base of the mouse shown in Figure 4c. Accordingly, Rosenberg does not teach every element of claim 1, and claim 1 is allowable. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claim 1.

Claims 2-10 and new claims 24 and 25 depend from claim 1. Accordingly, since claim 1 is allowable, claims 2-10, 24, and 25 are allowable as well. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 2-10.

In claim 11, Applicant claims "a magnet positioned so as to provide a gap between said core member and said magnet; and a first flexible member attached to said core member and said magnet." Rosenberg does not disclose "a magnet positioned so as to provide a gap between said core member and said magnet; and a first flexible member attached to said core member and said magnet." Accordingly, Rosenberg does not teach every element of claim 11, and claim 11 is allowable. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claim 11.

Claims 12-13, 15-17 and new claims 26-30 depend from claim 11. Accordingly, since claim 11 is allowable, claims 12-13, 15-17 and 26-30 are allowable as well. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 12-13 and 15-17.

Applicant has cancelled claims 18-23.

### **CONCLUSION**

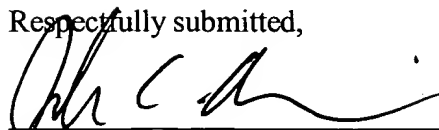
Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-13, 15-17, and 24-39 are allowable. A favorable Office Action is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 336-607-7311 to discuss any matter related to the application.

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